Our Annual Celebration is NCF’s biggest event of the year when hundreds of community builders from across the state gather to share ideas, learn from one another, and work together to achieve our dreams. The circumstances of 2020 have forced us to consider new ways of convening, teaching, and learning together. Therefore, this year’s celebration will take place on virtual platforms throughout the entire week to maximize participation among our expansive network of ambitious Nebraskans. In 2020 we set our sights on making Greater Nebraska a place where everyone belongs. As always, bring your biggest passions and your brightest ambitions. All dreams are welcome here!

Our virtual sessions will cover a wide variety of topics important to those working to build a Greater Nebraska. Look for these icons for insights into the skills you will hone in sessions offered throughout the week.
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020**

**Opening Session | 12:00–1:30 PM**

**Attracting Youth to Greater Nebraska**

It is possible to attract youth to your hometown and there are some things you can do to increase your odds. Join us to learn what Nebraska students want in the places they call home and the steps you can take to make your community more welcoming and appealing to the next generation. In this session we will review the 2020 Nebraska Youth Survey results, share some of our Hometown Internship experiences, and explore other opportunities to help young people feel at home in Greater Nebraska.

**Afternoon Session | 3:30–5:00 PM**

**NCF 101: Roles Your FAC Can Play**

On any given day, Fund Advisory Committees play a variety of roles in their communities. In this session, we’ll focus on how the NCF structure, your skills and interests, and the roles you can play will help you, the FAC member, raise more money, make impactful grants, use existing relationships to do more, and serve as a beacon of good news and positivity in your community.

**Evening Session | 6:30–8:00 PM**

**Turn Up Your Dream Switch**

Get ready to turn up your dream switch! You’re invited to an inspiring evening kickoff event that shines a light on what makes our hometowns such great places to live, work, and play! We’ll weave together moving musical performances, storytelling from real Greater Nebraska returners and newcomers, and uplifting community stories that are sure to set the stage for dreaming!

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020**

**Opening Session | 12:00–1:30 PM**

**Best Practices in FAC Leadership Succession**

Join Fund Advisory Committee leaders across Greater Nebraska to discuss what worked and what didn’t in their leadership transition. Discuss best practices for leadership development and learn how to put them into action. This isn’t just for fund chairs—succession planning is critical to every seat on your FAC.

**Afternoon Session | 3:30–5:00 PM**

**How to Launch a Planned Giving Program (It’s Easier than You Think!)**

Planned giving may offer affiliated funds the biggest [often untapped] opportunity to transform their place. The vast majority of planned gifts happen because someone educated, motivated, and asked the donor to make a gift . . . and they are often the largest gifts a donor will ever leave. This session offers simple and actionable steps to launching or furthering your FAC’s planned giving efforts. We’ll set you up with resources to educate yourself, your donors, and local professional advisors. Planned giving may seem intimidating, but we promise, it’s easier than you think!
Evening Session | 6:30—8:00 PM  
Dreams Welcome!
Bring your biggest dreams and boldest community ambitions and prepare for a fun and interactive discussion with fellow volunteers from hometowns of all sizes. Sharing a dream with others is a great way to attract momentum and possibilities. Ready, set . . . let’s dream big together!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020

Opening Session | 12:00–1:30 PM  
Fostering Belonging in Your Hometown  
When your gifts and talents are received and appreciated, you feel like you belong. This session focuses on inviting community members with untapped potential to co-create the future of your hometown. This session will offer tangible tools to help you better understand your community’s abundance and how to utilize it.

Afternoon Session | 3:30–5:00 PM  
Philanthropy “At the Speed of Trust”  
At Nebraska Community Foundation, we like to say, “Change occurs along the lines of relationships and at the speed of trust.” Relationships will always be at the heart of lasting community development work. Trust-Based Philanthropy moves the power and control from the organization making the grants and shares it with the organization receiving the grants. Learn how to infuse power-sharing, equity, humility, transparency, curiosity, and collaboration into the important work you are doing.

Evening Session | 6:30–8:00 PM  
HOMEgrown Challenge Grants – Why, How, NOW!  
You don’t need to wait for a major foundation to issue a challenge grant to your affiliated fund . . . all across the NCF network, local donors and alumni are stepping up to grow unrestricted endowments in the hometowns they love. Learn the ABCs of how to organize a campaign, hear from donors on why they catalyzed a challenge grant, and listen to FAC members share their why and how. NOW is the time to power up your fund’s unrestricted endowment with a HOMEgrown Challenge grant!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020

Opening Session | 12:00–1:30 PM  
Community Collaboration: How and Why  
Collaboration is essential in community-building. It is by working together that community members create a more promising future for their places and the people who choose to live, work, and play there. Join volunteers from the NCF network for an inspiring conversation about the benefits of collaboration and how to make it happen in your hometown!
Afternoon Session | 3:30–5:00 PM
Loving Yourself and Loving Your Community

Based in a worldview of abundance, this session will help you discover and appreciate your strengths and talents and build the confidence to unleash them into the world! Hear from NCF partners and affiliated fund leaders about how building a culture of distributed leadership has been a game-changer for their homeplace.

Thursday, November 12 | 6:30–7:45 PM
NCF Annual Celebration Livestream!

Celebrate the unbelievable accomplishments of the NCF network in an unprecedented year. Free and open to the public, all dreams and dreamers are welcome here!

COST AND DEADLINES
Affiliated Fund Training
In Network | $29
Out of Network | $99
DEADLINE TO REGISTER: November 6, 2020

NCF Annual Celebration Livestream | No cost, open to the public

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- NCF’s Annual Celebration will be video recorded, audio recorded, and photographed. By submitting your registration, you are giving NCF permission to use your image in publications and online.
- All times listed are Central Standard Time.
- The Affiliated Fund Annual Training registration fee will help offset a portion of the cost to provide the Training.
- If you have questions about NCF’s Annual Celebration contact us at 402.323.7330 or info@nebcommfound.org